

SMELTER AND LEAD TRUSTS COMBINE

A New York dispatch says that the recent activity and advance in the price of national lead stock is taken in some circles, in which the course of the security is being watched closely, as suggesting that negotiations are actively on for merging that company and the United Lead company. One authority, in close touch with the situation, has the following to say regarding the matter:

"The taking over of the Guggenheim Exploration company by the American Smelting & Refining company and the probable merger of the United Lead company with the National Lead company, who are large operators of lead mines and manufacturers of lead products, places the American Smelting & Refining company and the National Lead company in a position to control the price of pig lead and its products in this country. The recent activity in the stock of the National Lead company has been due to the fact that the absorption of the United Lead company is close at hand.

"By joining with the National Lead management in the absorption of the United Lead company, the American Smelting & Refining company will be enabled to supply the entire tonnage used by both companies and end the competition which has heretofore existed.

"It is understood that the plan of consolidation involves the issue of National Lead company stock for that of the United Lead company, and three representatives of the American Smelting & Refining company will be elected to the board of the National Lead company. Trade conditions in the lead business are stated to be stronger than ever before in its history."

STANDARD WILL SPEND \$50,000 ON A PLANT

D. L. Killen and Prof. H. H. Nicholson, of the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, departed yesterday for Denver, where Prof. Nicholson is conducting a series of supplementary tests of Standard ores. Mr. Killen will remain in Denver for a few days and then proceed to the Milwaukee office of the company. The tests being made by Prof. Nicholson have for their object a definite determination of the character of reduction plant to be erected at the mine this summer. A car load of ore has been shipped to Denver and it is now being treated by the dozen different processes of reduction and when it is demonstrated which process is best suited to the special combination of minerals found in the Standard ore, the company will expend about \$50,000 in new machinery, buildings and other improvements.

Off for Goldfield.

H. L. Edwards is preparing his wagon for the overland trip to Goldfield, expecting to start Monday morning. He will be accompanied by Charley Reichstein and Mr. Mayfield, now in charge of the Red Cross drug store. They will go by way of

Reno, and from there south to the bonanza camps, with no special object in view, further than to find a good location for business or mining. Mrs. Edwards will remain here until her husband is located.

The town of Canyon City has purchased the old photograph gallery lot of G. I. Hazeltine, on which the town will erect a city hall building.

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United States Land Office,
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ELVA MILLS,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 3270, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Section No. 33 in Township No. 9, South, Range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May 1905.

She names as witnesses: Walter J. Mills, Cato J. Johns, Byron Weatherford and Margaret Johns, all of Sumpter, Oregon.
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MARGARET JOHNS,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 3276, for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of Section No. 32, in township No. 9 south, range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May 1905.

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CATO J. JOHNS,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3277, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 of Section No. 32, in Township No. 9 South, range No. 38 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1905.

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WALTER J. MILLS,

of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3278, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of Section No. 32, in township No. 9 south, range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at his office in Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 1905.

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